



**Des Moines Public Schools
Gifted/Talented Education**

September 2017

Your child has the opportunity to participate in Battle of the Books this year. Battle of the Books is a reading program designed to encourage students identified in the Gifted and Advanced Learning Program to read challenging, high quality literature and to give recognition to those who like to read. Teams are forming at your child's school. Students are also free to put their own team together. A minimum of four and a maximum of six students make up each team. Every team has an adult team coach. Participants read from a pre-selected list of forty books. Because **participants are expected to read at least 10-12 books**, students must have a great deal of task commitment. In March, the teams engage in "battles" by answering questions about the books they have read.

The Battle of the Books reading list is available in your child's school library and from your child's coach. Books are available from the school library and the public library system. Building competitions are completed by Spring Break. The two highest scoring teams from each middle school advance to the regional competition after Spring Break. The District Battle of the Books Competition is held in April where the winning teams from the regional competitions compete for the overall district title.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to your child's Battle of the Books coach.

You may contact _____,

Battle of the Books coordinator, at _____

School at _____ if you have questions.

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Battle of the Books Permission Form

Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom _____

Parent Signature _____